Corporation of India Limited and National Bicycle Corporation of India Limited; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal covers aspects such as modernisation of plan and machinery, rationalisation of work force, capital restructuring and financial assistance for working capital etc.

Contract given to private agencies by CIL

733. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Coal India Limited have given contract for off-loading, clearing and forwarding to private agencies;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Coal India Limited have further decided to shift the job of importing raw materials/machineries from Calcutta Port; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (c) Import of materials and machineries by CIL continues to be done departmentally through Calcutta Port. There is no decision to shift the job of importing raw materials/machineries from Calcutta Port. However, because of obstructions by certain sections of the contract workers at Calcutta Port between December, 1989 and March, 1990, one ship load of equipment for CIL was diverted to Vizag and another consignment of some tyres was diverted to Madras port. For clearing only these two consignments, agents were engaged.

Orders placed with SSI units by ECL

734. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ECL have received representation from the SSI representatives from Asansol;

(b) if so, whether the representations are about awarding ancillary status to the SSISs;

(c) whether it is a fact that the SSI, are not being given orders; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor and when orders would be awarded to such units?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) ECL Headquarters has placed orders for about Rs. 5 crores on different SSI units during 1989-90.

Power crisis in Eastern India

735. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the causes of the June power crisis which took place in Eastern India;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what was its impact on industry, mining, transport, etc; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to cope with the situation?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (c) A grid disturbance took place in the Eastern Region on the night of 25th/26th June, 1990 which was caused due to inadequate generation of power, lack of grid discipline, inadequate reactive compensation, inadequate transmission and communication facilities, lack of trained manpower for load despatch, etc. The resultant power shortage affected adversely the functioning of collieries, mining and industry etc.

(d) The measures taken/proposed to avoid the recurrence of grid failure in the Eastern Region and elsewhere in the country include strict adherence to scheduled load management and tie line flows, effective coordination of regional grid operation, strengthening of transmission/transformation capacities, analysis of the failure of transmission system components and strengthening of the load despatch and telemetry systems etc.

एयर इंडिया में अधिवर्षिता के बाद सेवा में रखे गये अधिकारी

736. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल**: क्या **नागर विमानन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि एयर इंडिया के कुछ अधिकारियों को उनकी अधिवर्षिता के बाद भी संविदा के आधार पर सेवा में रखा गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या ; और इसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ग) उनकी रिक्तियों को भरने के लिए क्या कार्रवाई की गई है ; और

(घ) यदि कोई कार्रवाई नहीं की गई है, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

ऊर्जा मंत्री साथ में नागर विमानन मंत्रालय का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री आरिफ मोहम्मद खान) : (क) और (ख) आज की तारीख तक एअर इंडिया के एक अधिकारी को अधिवर्षिता के बाद भी संविदा के आधार पर सेवा में इसलिए रखा गया है ताकि विभिन्न यूनियनों की मांगों पर बातचीत के बारे में उनकी विशेषज्ञता का उपयोग किया जा सके।

(ग) पद भरने के पदोन्नति पैनल का गठन पहले से ही कर दिया गया है।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं है।

Flight to Maldives from Bombay/Trivendrum

737. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start a weekly flight from Bombay/Trivandrum to Maldives; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) Indian Airlines is already operating three times a week service on Trivandrum-Male route with B-737 aircraft.

Setting up of natural gas power station at Brahmapuram, Cochin

738. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for setting up a 90 MW furnace oil/natural gas power station at Brahmapuram, Cochin is still pending clearance; and

(b) if so, at what stage the matter rests at present and what are the reasons for the delay in its clearance?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal could be considered for techno-economic clearance after the requisite inputs including availability of fuel are tied up and necessary clearance including clearance from environmental angle have been obtained by the State Electricity Board.